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1. troop trains between 20
January and 3 February 1953:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
20 January	5 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 14 flatcars with vehicles	Zeitz	Crawinkel
	6 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 13 flatcars with vehicles	Ohrdruf	Gera
	5 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 12 flatcars with vehicles	Saalfeld	Crawinkel
21 January	4 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 14 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Ohrdruf	Altenburg
23 January	6 converted boxcars and 12 flatcars with vehicles	Crawinkel	Saalfeld
	4 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 20 flatcars with vehicles	Crawinkel	Jena

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24 January	13 converted boxcars, Halle 16 boxcars and 27 flatcars with equipment	Railroad district	Rudolstadt
26 January	4 converted boxcars, Crawinkel 1 boxcar and 16 flatcars with vehicles		Weimar
	5 converted boxcars, Crawinkel 1 boxcar and 14 flatcars with vehicles		Zeitz
	7 converted boxcars, Halle 2 boxcars and 45 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Railroad district	Rudolstadt
	6 converted boxcars and 18 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Halle railroad district	Zeitz
	9 converted boxcars, Halle 2 boxcars and 28 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Railroad district	Ohrdruf
29 January	5 converted boxcars, Ohrdruf 1 boxcar and 20 flatcars with vehicles		Altenburg
31 January	6 converted boxcars and 14 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Emleben	Saalfeld
1 February	10 converted boxcars, Ohrdruf 2 boxcars and 28 flatcars with tanks and vehicles		Merseburg
2 February	1 converted boxcar, Crawinkel 1 boxcar and 10 flatcars with tanks and vehicles		Jena
	6 converted boxcars, Donndorf 5 boxcars and 8 flatcars with tanks and vehicles		Halle
	7 converted boxcars, Dresden 1 boxcar and 24 flatcars with tanks and vehicles	Railroad district	Ohrdruf

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3 February 7 converted boxcars, Weimar Gotha
2 boxcars and
56 flatcars with
tanks and vehicles

8 converted boxcars, Halle Donndorf
6 boxcars and
32 flatcars railroad
district

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2. Troop trains [] on 4 February included:

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Composition of
Troop Trains

FromTo

10 converted boxcars and Forst Zinna Dallgow-Deeberitz
21 flatcars with a
troop unit and vehicles

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1 boxcar and Satskorn Pritzerba;
8 SST-type flatcars with
military goods and
tanks

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1. [] Comment. Paragraph 1 []

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covered the period from 4 to 18 January 1953.

Generally, the troop movements reported in the present report are normal. They indicate the rail traffic between the posts of the Eighth Gds Army and the Ohrdruf and Lossa troop training grounds. The following troop trains are noteworthy:

[] the trains carried the 880th Engr Bn of the XVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which returned from Templin to Rudolstadt.

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[] the train cannot yet be determined. It is noticeable, however, that a motor vehicle column towing AT guns of the 8th Gds Mecz Div left the Infanterie Kaserne in Zeitz toward Naumburg as early as on 23 January 1953. Thus, it seems possible that the above train also carried a component of the 8th Gds Mecz Div and was dispatched from Leipzig or Wurzen.

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[] the train probably carried an element of the 76th Arty Brig [] from Merseburg. On 1 February 1953, the unit returned to its home station.

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[] the train probably carried a component of the 20th Gds Mecz Div.

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[] the trains probably carried components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div.

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[] as the train came from the Dresden railroad district and went to Ohrdruf, it is believed that the train carried a component of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Plauen.

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Units confirmed [] included: an element of the 38th Army AT Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army in Altenburg, [] until 21 January 1953; the 1175th AAA Regt of the 13th AAA Div in Weimar [] until 3 February 1953; the 316th RL Regt [] of the XVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps

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in Saalfeld, [redacted] until 31 January 1953; the 65th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Weimar [redacted] until 26 January 1953; the 66th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Jena [redacted] until 23 January; the 67th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div in Zeitz [redacted] until 26 January 1953; an element of the 76th Arty Brig [redacted] of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Merseburg [redacted] until 1 February 1953; an element of the 308th Arty Brig [redacted] of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Gera, [redacted] until 20 January 1953; and the 43rd Gds Army Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army in Altenburg, [redacted] until 29 January 1953.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The troop train [redacted] was previously reported [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The Pritzerbe railroad station is situated northwest of Brandenburg. A tank company of the 10th Gds Tank Div combined with elements of the 63rd Gds Tank Regt of the same division from Brandenburg probably conducted field exercises in this area. [redacted]

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